

Listing of Claims

The below listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

Claims 1-37: Cancelled

38. (Currently Amended) A method for a service provider to enable cost-sharing of a host subscription fee for a client's use of a hosted enterprise solution in a collaboration community, in which the client and its collaboration partners communicate ~~with others among themselves~~ online, the method comprising:

through the use of network enabled systems, executing an enterprise application to perform steps of:

identifying at least a portion of the collaboration community;

~~identifying tracking~~ each partner in the collaboration community ~~that is to potentially become a subscriber who pays a subscriber subscription fee for the partner's use of the hosted enterprise solution as part of being in the collaboration community, the partner paying the subscriber subscription fee becoming a subscriber of the hosted enterprise solution;~~

determining a value based on applying a predetermined function to ~~[[a]] the subscriber subscription fee paid by one or more partners~~, wherein the value indicates a modification to the host subscription fee for the client ~~for using the hosted enterprise solution;~~

~~tracking each partner in the collaboration community who uses the hosted enterprise solution as part of being in the collaboration community but is not obliged to pay the subscriber subscription fee for the partner's own use of the hosted enterprise solution and thereby does not contribute to the value;~~
~~and~~

updating relevant information that affects the client's host subscription fee based at least in part on the value. ~~[[; and]]~~

~~communicating the balance of the host subscription fee to the client for payment over the network.~~

39. (Cancelled)

40. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38, further comprising the step of enabling the client to decide ~~whether one or more of the~~ which partners in the collaboration community ~~are capable of electing~~ are invited to become subscribers of the hosted enterprise solution.

41. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 40, wherein the step of enabling the client to decide ~~whether one or more of the~~ which partners in the collaboration community ~~are invited to become subscribers comprises~~ includes enabling the client to decide which partners are invited based on a standard and open policy provided by the service provider.

42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38, wherein each subscriber is of one of two or more types of subscribers with different users' privileges[[.]]

43. (Cancelled)

44. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38, further comprising the step of enabling the client to ~~select~~ decide which ~~one or more~~ partners ~~from in~~ the collaboration community ~~that~~ are allowed to become subscribers.

45. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 44, wherein the step of enabling the client to decide which ~~whether one or more~~ partners in the collaboration community ~~are allowed to become subscribers comprises~~ includes enabling the client to decide which partners based on a standard and open policy ~~provided by the service provider to the client.~~

46. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38, wherein the step of identifying ~~each partner in~~ at least a portion of the collaboration community includes accommodating changes to how many partners comprise the collaboration ~~community~~ community.

47. (Cancelled)

48. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38, wherein for one or more subscribers, the subscriber subscription fee and the value are different amounts.

49. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, further comprising the step of accounting for any partner in the collaboration community who changes its status in regards to being or not being one of the subscribers.

50. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38, wherein the host subscription fee is at least partially ~~contributed to by a non-subscriber~~ incurred by a partner who uses the hosted enterprise solution but does not pay the subscriber subscription fee.

51. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38, wherein the hosted enterprise solution facilitates collaboration privileges to the client, the subscribers and partners who do not pay the subscriber subscription fee ~~non-subscribers, subscribers and clients~~.

Claims 52-55: (Cancelled)

56. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, further comprising the step of enabling the client to restrict rights of usage of the hosted enterprise solution for one or more partners who are subscribers.

57. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38, further comprising the step of enabling the client to restrict rights of usage of the hosted enterprise solution for one or more partners who are not subscribers ~~non-subscribers~~.

58. (Cancelled)

59. (Currently Amended) An online system for a service provider to enable cost-sharing of a host subscription fee for a client's use of a hosted enterprise solution in an online collaboration community in which the client and its collaboration partners communicate with each among themselves online, wherein the system comprises:

an executable enterprise solution, implemented in an Internet enabled system, comprising one or more modules configured to:

generate a list of the partners that define, at least in part, the collaboration community of the client;

~~identifying track~~ each partner in the collaboration community ~~that is to become a potential subscriber who pays a subscriber subscription fee for the partner's use of the hosted enterprise solution as part of being in the collaboration community, the partner paying the subscriber subscription fee becoming a subscriber of the hosted enterprise solution;~~

calculate a value based on applying a pre-determined function to ~~[[a]] the subscriber subscription fee paid by one or more partners,~~ wherein the value represents a modification to the host subscription fee for the client ~~for~~ using the hosted enterprise solution;

~~track each partner in the collaboration community who uses the hosted enterprise solution as part of being in the collaboration community but is not obliged to pay the subscriber subscription fee for the partner's own use of the hosted enterprise solution and thereby does not contribute to the value;~~

update relevant information that affects the client's host subscription fee based at least in part on the value;

provide the relevant information that affects the host subscription fee to the client; and

allow the client to manage the host subscription fee ~~through the use of the Internet enabled system over the network.~~

60. (Cancelled)

61. (Cancelled)

62. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 59, wherein the one or more modules are configured to ~~provide enable~~ the client ~~with flexibility to decide which partners within in the collaboration community are invited can elect to become subscribers of the hosted enterprise solution.~~

63. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 62, wherein the one or more modules are configured to ~~enable the client to decide which partners in the collaboration community are invited based on communicate a standard and open policy for facilitating the client in deciding which partners can elect to become subscribers.~~

64. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 59, wherein the one or more modules are system is configured to ~~provide~~ enable the client ~~with an ability to decide which partners in that comprise~~ the collaboration community are not invited to become subscribers.

65. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 64, wherein ~~the ability to decide which partners that comprise the collaboration community are not invited to become subscribers is~~ the one or more modules are configured to enable the client to decide which partners in the collaboration community are not invited to become subscribers based on a standard and open policy of the host provider.

66. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the one or more modules are configured to track partners that decline subscriptions.

67. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 59, wherein the one or more modules are system is configured to allow the client to manage activities of partners in relation to becoming subscribers and participating in the collaboration community.

68. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 59, wherein the one or more modules are system is configured to receive a given subscriber's credit card information.

69. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 59, wherein ~~a partner subscription corresponding to the subscription fee can be of more than one type~~ each subscriber is of one of two or more types of subscribers with different users' privileges.

70. (Cancelled)

71. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is configured to allow the client to invite partners to pay subscriber subscription fees ~~create an invitee list related to the collaboration community.~~

72. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is configured to generate invitations to all ~~invitees~~ partners whom the client wishes to pay the subscribers subscription fees.

73. (Cancelled)

74. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is configured to track the host subscription fee as it is modified by the subscription fee of a given subscriber.

75. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is configured to track the host subscription fee that is at least partially incurred ~~contributed~~ by a ~~non-subscriber partner who uses for using~~ the hosted enterprise solution but does not pay a subscriber subscription fee.

Claims 76-77: Cancelled

78. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 59, wherein for one or more subscribers, [[a]] the subscriber subscription fee of the ~~partner~~ and the value are different amounts.

79. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is configured to track the host subscription fee that is at least partially incurred ~~contributed~~ by the client for using the hosted enterprise solution.

80. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 59, wherein the hosted enterprise solution facilitates collaboration privileges to the client and the partners who are subscribers and partners who do not pay the subscriber subscription fee ~~for subscribers, non-subscribers and clients.~~

81. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 80, wherein privileges to different subscribers ~~users~~ under different subscription plans are different.

82. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the hosted enterprise solution is a data-exchange enterprise collaboration software solution.

83. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the hosted enterprise solution is a document workflow enterprise collaboration software solution.

84. (Cancelled)

85. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is configured so that the client can modify a collaboration community membership that the client ~~defines~~defined.

86. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is configured so that the client can restrict rights of usage of the hosted enterprise solution of one or more ~~partners~~ subscriber in its collaboration community.

87. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is configured so that the client can restrict rights of usage of the hosted enterprise solution of a non-subscriber in its collaboration community.

Claims 88-97: Cancelled.

98. (New) The method of claim 38, further comprising the step of enabling the client to decide which partners in the collaboration community are not invited to become subscribers of the hosted enterprise solution.

99. (New) The method of claim 98, wherein the step of enabling comprises enabling the client to decide which partners in the collaboration community are not invited based on a standard and open policy.

100. (New) The method of claim 38, further comprising the step of communicating the balance of the host subscription fee to the client over the network.

101. (New) The method of claim 38, further comprising the step of allowing the client to invite partners to pay subscriber subscription fees for the use of the hosted enterprise solution.

102. (New) The method of claim 38, further comprising the step of tracking partners that decline subscriptions.

103. (New) The method of claim 38, further comprising the step of allowing the client to manage activities of the partners in relation to becoming subscribers and participating in the collaboration community.

104. (New) The method of claim 38, further comprising the step of generating invitations to all the partners whom the client wishes to pay the subscribers subscription fees.

105. (New) The method of claim 38, further comprising the step of tracking the host subscription fee as it is modified by the subscriber subscription fee of a given partner.

106. (New) The method of claim 38, further comprising the step of allowing the client to modify a collaboration community membership that the client defines.

107. (New) The method of claim 38, further comprising the step of allowing the client to restrict rights of usage of the hosted enterprise solution of one or more partners in its collaboration community.

108. (New) The method of claim 38, wherein the hosted enterprise solution comprises a data-exchange enterprise collaboration software solution.

109. (New) The method of claim 38, wherein the hosted enterprise solution comprises a document workflow enterprise collaboration software solution.

110. (New) The method of claim 38, wherein the host subscription fee is at least partially incurred by the client for using the hosted enterprise solution.

111. (New) The system of claim 59, wherein the system is configured to allow the balance of the host subscription fee be communicated to the client over the Internet.